

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 764**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Magistrates Court		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 764 amends Section 22-3-10 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by increasing the civil jurisdiction of the Magistrate's Court from Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Judicial Department indicates that enactment of this legislation will have no impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds. The Magistrates Court is funded by the County in which the court resides.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

A survey of twenty-six counties was conducted and 9 responded. Each county indicated this Bill would increase their caseloads in Magistrates Court. However, four indicated it would have little or no fiscal impact which could be absorbed within existing resources. The other five respondents projected increased administrative costs ranging from \$20,000 to \$110,000.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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